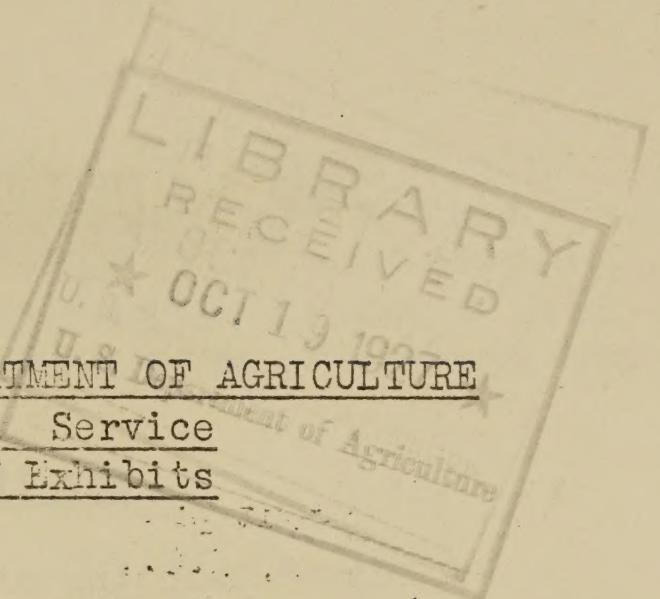


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A Summary of the Exhibit.

WHAT HAS FEDERAL AID DONE FOR
THE ELEVEN WESTERN STATES

This graphic and pictorial exhibit contains interesting information on roads for tourists and the people who live in the West.

Specifications

Floor space required -- width ---- 14 ft.
depth ---- 7 ft.

Wall space required ----- None

Shipping weight ----- 700 lbs.

Electrical requirements ----- None

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How It Looks

A cutout painting of the dome of the Capitol at Washington, D.C., placed at the top of the center section, draws the visitor's attention to the exhibit.

On the right section is a very interesting route for the tourist to study. It shows a loop over 5,000 miles long which takes in points of National interest as well as many of the National Forests. Data on road construction is also indicated on the map.

The center section contains a large cutout map of the United States showing the per cent of non-taxable Federal-owned land in the 11 States.

On the left section is a large cutout map showing the location of the National Forests, transcontinental roads and character of such roads.

A placard on an easel at the back of the booth gives, in large letters, the percentage of cost of Federal-aid roads which may be paid by the Federal government.

What it Tells.

The question "What has Federal-aid done for the 11 Western States?" is answered by showing on the center panel that the 11 Western States, in which 48 per cent of the area is non-taxable Federal-owned land, receive from the Federal government an annual sum which amounts to 25 per cent of their total expenditure for roads.

The separate panel explains that through Indian reservations, Federal aid is granted up to 100 per cent of the cost; and, depending on the area of public land in each State, the percentage of cost of Federal aid roads, which may be paid by the Federal Government is as follows:

Arizona	72.3	Nevada	87.7
California	60.1	New Mexico	63.4
Colorado	56.1	Oregon	62.2
Idaho	59.8	Utah	78.9
Montana	56.5	Washington	54.4

Although the national forests occupy only 17 per cent of the Western area, every transcontinental route must pass at some point through one of these Federal reservations. Federal appropriations pay for the forest connections. The location of the principal roads with respect to the forests is shown on a map on the left panel, which also has mounted upon it a beautiful oil painting of a scene in Mt. Ranier National Forest.

The national parks, although less than 1 per cent of the area of the Western States, bulk large in the public interest. The 5,350-mile loop, which connects the national parks, is a part of the Federal highway system. Of the entire length, 55 per cent has been improved with Federal-aid or forest-road funds; 34 per cent has been constructed by the States; and the balance is unimproved. Within the parks, the roads are being built with national park roads funds. The loop in question and the location of the national parks are shown on another map on the right panel of the booth. On this panel, also, is another beautiful oval-framed oil painting of the Yosemite Valley.

Where to Get Information

Information may be obtained free of charge upon request to the Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.